

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

Blow To Anglo-U.S.

"HOW does Roosevelt's death affect the world outlook?"

The death of President Roosevelt is, beyond question, an irreparable blow to the anti-Axis Powers. It is admitted by people who ought to know that Roosevelt was the link between Stalin and Churchill. Churchill was an uncompromising enemy of the Russian Dictator and he was not only conducting a vigorous crusade against the Kremlin, but also carrying on a vile campaign of abuse against Stalin personally. In face of this fact, the meetings between Churchill and Stalin would have been very awkward and embarrassing occasions for both but for the presence of Roosevelt. Roosevelt had never said or written anything against Stalin, and his New Dealism was some approach to Socialism.

So he was a more acceptable man to Stalin while at the same time he was able to get on quite smoothly with Churchill. In that way Roosevelt was an invaluable asset to the Anglo-American-Soviet Alliance. Now that he is dead and gone, the part he played in the three-power conferences has fallen to Mr. Harry Truman, who, it is reported, knows Churchill little and Stalin not at all. The Anglo-American-Soviet Alliance may be, therefore, said to be facing now a rather serious crisis.

There must have been lots of private and unwritten understandings among these three men, Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill, as the result of their secret meetings more than once. Now that Roosevelt is no more, Stalin may try to twist and exploit them to Russia's advantage and thus present Churchill and Truman with a bunch of thorny problems. At all events, the atmosphere for future meetings of the leaders of the so-called big three is charged with electricity. It certainly bodes no good either for Britain or America.

Nor are the prospects of Anglo-American co-operation any too rosy in the absence of Roosevelt. It is well-known that the Americans have scant respect for the British Navy which they consider as an antiquated thing compared to their own. Roosevelt, however, exerted all his influence for more harmony in the Anglo-American relations. His death is a portentous threat to these relations during and after the Pacific War.

Of course, it is foolish for us the fighters for the freedom of Asia to bank too much on the consequences of Roosevelt's death. Britain's imperialism and America's imperialism are too deep-rooted in their respective countries to become less dangerous on the death of any single individual, however great. But the very gods seem to be fighting for Asiatic freedom when they remove from the world Asia's arch-enemy at a critical juncture like this.

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Enemy's Colossal Loss In Ships In Okinawa Waters

326 Warcraft Either Sunk Or Damaged Since Start Of Invasion Operations

Tokyo, April 6 (Domei)—A total of 326 enemy ships has been sunk or damaged by Nippon air and surface units since the beginning of the Okinawa operations.

Consequently, owing to the enemy's setbacks, his carrier-based planes are showing marked inactivity. On April 8, 500 and a few scores of enemy planes raided the Okinawa Group, on April 9, 400 and a few scores, on April 10, 200 and a few scores and on April 11 less than 300. These figures vividly attest to the instability of the enemy's supply line.

Meanwhile, the strength of the enemy fleet around the main island of Okinawa is also steadily decreasing. On April 11 and 12 only a few battleships were counted in this region. Moreover, the number of large aircraft-carriers of the enemy's task force has been rapidly reduced. However the United States has no way of shirking the current operations against Okinawa Island where it has already landed several tens of thousands of troops.

The turn of the war situation depends on whether the enemy will be able to gain land fortresses and airfields before his invasion fleet is entirely depleted or whether prior to this, the Nippon forces will annihilate the enemy fleet. There is no question that the dominating factor in this development will be air strength.

South-western Nippon Base, April 15 (Domei)—Continuing their whirlwind aerial assaults against the enemy task force in waters east of Okinawa Main Island, Nippon airmen yesterday afternoon heavily damaged and set ablaze a large type warcraft, believed to be an aircraft-carrier, inflicted considerable damage on two vessels of unspecified category and caused another warcraft to emit black smoke.

In addition, Nippon land observation points observed two columns of flame in waters west of Okinawa Main Island, indicating that other enemy warcraft might have been hit.

U.S. War Casualties Nearing 900,000 Mark

Lisbon, April 12 (Domei)—American Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today that American Army and Navy casualties since the outbreak of the war now total 899,390, according to a Washington dispatch.

He placed Army losses at 802,685 and the Navy casualty toll at 96,705.

PRES. ROOSEVELT'S SUDDEN DEATH HELD IRREPARABLE LOSS TO ANGLO-SAXONS

Nobody Else In Anti-Axis Camp Can Replace Him, Declares Netaji

Rangoon, April 14 (Domei)—The death of American President Franklin Delano Roosevelt will be for the Anglo-Americans an "irreparable blow, particularly at this juncture from where they cannot possibly recover," declared Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, in an interview this morning.

The immediate effect of Roosevelt's death will be visible at the San Francisco conference which is scheduled to take place in less than a fortnight, he said. He declared: "I have already said before that the San Francisco conference will serve to widen the breach between the Russians and Anglo-Americans. The death of Roosevelt is, for me, further confirmation of this view."

Declaring that in the past Roosevelt had been "a useful intermediary in patching up differences between the Soviet Union and Britain", Netaji stated, "There is now no other personality who can possibly fill this difficult role."

In connection with India's independence movement, Netaji said there is no doubt that Roosevelt was "one of the arch enemies of India's independence" and the policy that he had been

following, if successful, would have meant permanent enslavement of India under British heel. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that for the American people he was great and he was one of the outstanding personalities of the world today.

Netaji said he did not think that Roosevelt's death would have an immediate effect on the war situation. However, he declared: "I have no doubt in my mind that as the days roll by the effect of his death will become more and more visible in the war operations of our enemies." He said as Roosevelt was a forceful and dynamic personality, who played an important role in guiding and controlling the Anglo-American war operations, it is inevitable that the absence of such an outstanding leadership "will make itself felt more and more with the lapse of time."

He added there is nobody in the world today who will feel the loss more than "the arch enemy of India, Prime Minister Churchill," who relied on the American President just as a decrepit old man depends on his crutches. Netaji concluded it will, therefore, be interesting to watch the consternation that will prevail at Downing Street.

Foe Forces In Okinawa Front Repulsed; Twelve Ships Sunk, Damaged

Tokyo, April 14 (Domei)—Dai Honyei in another communique issued at 4 p.m. today announced:—

"Our ground forces and artillery units in the southern sector of Okinawa Mainland, in close co-operation, repulsed enemy forces in front of our position towards the evening April 12 and after frustrating the enemy's offensive scheme, are continuing to expand their war results. Our units in the Honbu Peninsula sector, north of Nago Bay, intercepted an enemy force of about one division strong and are fighting courageously."

"Our air forces in the face of fierce ground fire attacked Kita and Naka airfields before dawn April 12 and blasted parked enemy aircraft and munitions piled up in the airfields. At Kita airfield especially, our air units caused explosions affecting an area 1,000 metres in diameter and 3,000 metres high."

"Secondly, our special attack air units are continuing to attack enemy warcraft and transports around Okinawa Mainland and up to dawn April 13 are known to have achieved the following war results:—

"Sank one cruiser, one trans-

49 Enemy Super Forts Shot Down Over Tokyo In Indiscriminate Raid

Tokyo, April 14 (Domei)—Dai Honyei in a communique released at 4 p.m. today announced:—

"Firstly, for about four hours from about 11 o'clock last night, April 13, approximately 170 B-29's chiefly raided the Metropolitan and indiscriminately bombed business and residential quarters with demolition and incendiary bombs."

"Fires which were started at part of the buildings in the compounds of the Imperial Palace, Omiya Palace and Akasaka Detached Palace through this bombing, were placed under control in no time, but the main building and sanctuary of the Meiji Shrine were razed. Fires which were started at various points in the city were generally brought under control by 6.00 a.m."

"Secondly our interception units so far are known to have brought down 41 enemy aircraft and inflicted damage on about 80 others."

port and five vessels of unidentified category."

"Damaged one cruiser, two destroyers, one transport and one vessel of unidentified category."

Br. Government Can't Set Things Right In India

Only Govt. Of Responsible Indian Leaders Be Able To Solve Problems

According to a despatch from London, the well-known historian, Edward Thompson, who attended a meeting held in London on Friday to observe the Jallianwalla Bagh Day, declared, "Only an Indian Government of responsible leaders will have the courage to set things right in India."

According to a latest despatch from London, the plea for transfer of fuller responsibility to Indians at the centre and resumption of responsible government in the Provinces and making a possible start of framing a new constitution for India is made in a letter in the London Times signed by the Warden of All Souls College, Oxford, Professor W. G. S. Adams and six others.

Another London despatch says that proposals for a settlement of the Indian political deadlock are put forward by Professor Harold Laski. Laski condemns Amery's parrot-like repetition of the fact that the notorious Cripps' offer is still open to the Indians.

He adds that the whole strategy of the British Government is to use Cripps' offer as a screen behind which Jinnah can be encouraged to indulge in fantastic egotism in dreaming of Pakistan which is marked near cuckoo-land on the map of India.

While a few British are pretending to be sympathetic towards India's legitimate aspirations, the British Government and the general public in Britain are determined to continue their domination and exploitation of India. Typical of the average Britisher's attitude towards India is an article which appeared in the London Spectator on Friday last.

The writer of the article says he is terribly shocked to find posters and handbills announcing the participation of Harold Laski and Edward Thompson in an Amritsar Day meeting to demand the release of political prisoners in India. He says he cannot understand in the least what purpose is served by studiously keeping alive the memory of the lamentable events of 1919.

Enemy Vehicles Blasted In Central Burma Sector

A Nippon Base in Burma, April 15 (Domei)—Fifty enemy lorries were either blasted or set ablaze and ten other vehicles demolished on the morning of April 12, when Nippon units operating in Central Burma conducted repeated assaults against enemy mechanized forces in the Yamethin sector.

Washington Pays Last Tribute To Roosevelt

Lisbon, April 14 (Domei)—Thousands of American people, some weeping and some tight-lipped, formed along the line of march between Union Station and White House to pay final tribute to the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, as the special train bearing Roosevelt's body arrived in Washington just before 10.00 this morning from Warm Springs, Georgia, according to a Washington dispatch.

New American President Harry Truman, Cabinet members, military leaders and foreign dignitaries were among those who jammed Union Station to meet the special train. The coffin was removed from the train and laid on a nearby vehicle which then drove slowly through the streets to White House for Roosevelt's final national honours.

It is learned that British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is en route to the United States by plane to represent British Prime Minister Churchill at Roosevelt's funeral.

Laid To Rest

Lisbon, April 15 (Domei)—Late American President Franklin Delano Roosevelt this morning was laid to rest at Hyde Park between his family house and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in the presence of his family, a large delegation of officials and massed ranks of servicemen, according to a Reuter message from Hyde Park, New York.

The special train carrying the late President's body left Washington last night after a simple State funeral was held at the White House, attended by only members of the immediate family, new American President Harry Truman, highest ranking Army and Navy authorities and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Before the casket was lowered into the grave at Hyde Park, a 21-gun salute was fired by three 75-millimetre guns placed in front of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, which has become a national shrine as Roosevelt's gift to the nation.

Colonel James Roosevelt of the United States Marine Corps, eldest son of the late President, arrived at the New York airport from Manila today, half an hour too late to attend his father's funeral. His flight from Manila was delayed by headwinds.

Molotov Decides To Attend 'Frisco Confab

Lisbon, April 15 (Domei)—Apparently prompted by the sudden death of American President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Soviet Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav M. Molotov has decided to attend the San Francisco Conference, according to a Washington dispatch.

It is believed that one of the purposes of Molotov's trip to the United States will be to pay his condolence over Roosevelt's death and, at the same time, to meet new American President Harry Truman.

Canada To Hold General Election On 11th June

Lisbon, April 14 (Domei)—Canadian Premier William Lyon McKenzie King today announced that the general election will be held on June 11, according to an Ottawa message.

Sadao Iguchi Assails Sinking Of Relief Vessel

Tokyo, April 13 (Domei)—Sadao Iguchi, Spokesman of the Board of Information, today vigorously assailed the sinking of the Nippon relief ship "Awa Maru" by an enemy submarine, terming the incident as "unprecedented in the annals of international practice and law."

In a statement at his regular foreign press conference, Iguchi said that the Awa Maru, which was returning to Nippon after having delivered various relief supplies to American and anti-Axis prisoners of war in Taiwan, French Indo-China, Hongkong, Malai, Burma, Thailand, Djawa, Sumatra and Borneo, was sunk on the night of April 1.

The Spokesman strongly emphasized that the United States Government had guaranteed to give safe conduct to the relief ship, when the Nippon Government notified the American authorities of the vessel's mission through the Swiss Government.

The United States, he said, had given definite assurance that the Awa Maru would meet with no interference or molestation whatsoever, much less a direct assault from American or anti-Axis forces, while on her scheduled course—the route of passage having been carefully notified, moreover, to the United States in keeping with international procedure in such cases.

In spite of the great care taken in ensuring the ship's safe passage, the Awa Maru was sunk by an enemy submarine in flagrant violation of International Law, Iguchi declared.

The Spokesman said that the Awa Maru was scheduled to arrive at Tsuruga on April 5. The American revelation was made on April 11, or 10 days after the ship was sunk, and only after the Nippon Government on April 10 informed the United States that Nippon efforts to locate the ship had failed, he said.

As to the American State Department's claim that the relief ship was sunk because it had allegedly gone away off its scheduled course, the Spokesman emphatically stated that the Awa Maru was maintaining its stipulated course when it was attacked and there is no ques-

Enemy Pressure In Direction Of Berlin Increases

Berlin, April 13 (Domei)—American pressure in the direction of Brandenburg and the strategic goal of Berlin has increased during the past 24 hours, according to reports. North of Brunswick American tanks advanced in an easterly direction to a point south of Wittburg. German forces in the town of Magdeburg repelled on Thursday the first attack against the town's outskirts.

The Americans opened an attack against the Harz Mountain and fighting is reportedly taking place to the north of that mountain at several points. American forces reached east and south of Coburg, Rodach, and Main with spearheads but have not been able to overrun Rodach and Coburg.

South-east of Wuezburg German forces closed the temporarily opened gap in the front-line of the main German fighting line. In spite of concentrated artillery fire and strong bomber support the enemy was only able to make an insignificant gain out of his penetration area south of Luedesched.

Meanwhile, focal points of fighting on the Eastern Front are in the Vienna area and the sector on the western spurs of the Carpathian Mountains. No details on the fighting for Vienna were given by German quarters however.

On other fronts no significant fighting developed. In the western Vistula plain and Samland, Soviet attacks were frustrated.

tion of it having swerved from its scheduled route.

The number of persons lost in the sinking of the relief ship is not yet known, as the United States has not yet informed the Nippon Government in this connection, Iguchi declared.

There could have been no mistaking the identity of the ship, Iguchi furthermore stated, as its relief was specially illuminated in accordance with international procedure.

The Spokesman declared, however, that the Nippon Government shall refrain at this time from making any hasty judgment on the matter pending further clarification of the whole situation.

Foe Transport Sunk, Another Set Ablaze

A Nippon Base in the Ryukyu Islands, April 14 (Domei)—Besides sinking or damaging 314 enemy warcraft as confirmed up to yesterday, Nippon air and surface units operating around Okinawa Main Island, on the night of April 12, scored a direct hit on a large 5,000-ton enemy transport, heavily damaging it and setting it ablaze.

Before dawn April 13, our forces also instantaneously sank a medium-size transport in the same area.

Foe Bases On Okinawa Badly Raided, Blasted

A Nippon Base in the Central Pacific, April 14 (Domei)—A combined force of Nippon bombers and fighters on the morning of April 12 surprise raided the enemy-held Kita and Naka airfields on Okinawa Island and blasted the runways.

Meanwhile, the Nippon air force intercepted enemy warcraft in waters

Nippon Forces Inflict Big Losses In Balete Pass Zone

A Nippon Base in Luzon, April 14 (Domei)—Since the early part of March up to the beginning of this month, Nippon forces battling in the Balete Pass sector have inflicted more than 2,800 casualties on enemy troops in relentless night and day close-range assaults.

In addition, they have demolished or set ablaze 37 bivouacs, more than seven lorries, two light armoured cars, nine trench-mortars, three rapid-firing guns, four tanks, numerous ammunition and supply dumps, and one road construction car, besides other war materials and weapons.

So intense have been Nippon assaults that the enemy has been compelled to transfer another division to this sector from Carrangulan in order to replenish his losses.

east of Amamioshima on the same day and damaged an enemy destroyer. Another destroyer was also damaged off Cape Zaaba, Okinawa Island.

U.S. Sub. Sinks Nippon's Mercy Ship 'Awa Maru'

Lisbon, Apr. 11 (Domei)—The Nippon relief ship Awa Maru was sunk by American submarine action while travelling under anti-Axis safe conduct after it had delivered relief supplies to anti-Axis nationals interned in Nippon controlled areas, the United States Department of State admitted in an announcement today, according to a dispatch from Washington.

The State Department said it had been informed by the Navy Department that about midnight April 1, east longitude 2 "a ship was sunk by submarine action at a position approximately 40 miles from the estimated scheduled position of the Awa Maru." No lights or special illumination were visible, the announcement claimed. The ship sank almost immediately.

The United States Government is in communication with the Swiss Government about this matter and is sending "appropriate communication" to the Nippon Government through the Swiss authorities, the announcement added.

Tokyo, April 13 (Domei)—The Nippon Government on April 10, acting through the offices of the Swiss Government, requested the United States urgently to communicate any information concerning the Nippon relief ship Awa Maru which has been missing since its departure from Syonan, it was revealed today.

The Awa Maru was returning to Nippon after delivering relief supplies to anti-Axis internees and war prisoners in Taiwan, Hongkong, Syonan and the East Indies.

It will be recalled that the Nippon Government had requested the United States to grant safe conduct to the ship and had received American consent to do so.

British Commonwealth Conference Adjourned

Lisbon, April 13 (Domei)—The British Commonwealth Conference, including representatives of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa and India, which was called in order to secure a maximum degree of understanding among the Commonwealth nations before the San Francisco Conference, formally adjourned today, according to a London dispatch.

The official communique issued by the Conference avoided all reference to the vote issue at the forthcoming San Francisco Conference, simply stating that a "valuable exchange of views" had taken place.

It is believed, however, that the British Government strongly impressed upon the delegates present the need for voting together on major issues arising at the forthcoming anti-Axis world confab in order to checkmate any demands which would be made by the United States or the Soviet Union.

Invaders Smashed Back In Southern Okinawa Sector

A Nippon Base in the Ryukyu Islands, April 14 (Domei)—Launching a powerful counter-thrust, Nippon legions in the southern sector of Okinawa Main Island on April 12 smashed back the enemy invaders, consolidating a line linking Height 1,052, Shinoushi and Oyama.

The Nippon advance was made under cover of a heavy artillery barrage as Nippon warplanes, with the improvement of weather conditions, lashed out again at enemy warships and vessels off the island in concert with our surface units.

Other Nippon combat units, meantime, carried out deep knifing drives into enemy positions, causing consternation among American troops and frustrating their attempts to organize a new offensive. In the Nagu sector, Nippon defenders also fiercely engaged enemy troops striving to make deeper penetration.

Anti-Soviet Propaganda In Iran Now Increasing

Lisbon, April 13 (Domei)—The political situation in Iran is beginning to assume a serious aspect with the outbreak of armed clashes between Rightists and Leftists, according to a Moscow dispatch received here.

The dispatch claimed that anti-Soviet propaganda appears to be increasing in Iran. In this connection, it will be recalled that a Reuter message in the latter part of last year reported an intensification of Soviet intervention into Iranian domestic affairs and strongly suggested that the Russians were out to "Sovietize" Iran.

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